

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEWING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Reviewing Current Developments in Ethiopia”. Testimony was heard from Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT OF 2017; CONFERENCE REPORT TO THE ENERGY AND WATER, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3798, the “Save American Workers Act of 2017”; and the Conference report to H.R. 5895, the “Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 3798 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–84, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 5895. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. Debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 17, 2018, through September 24, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date

and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Finally, in section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Testimony was heard from Representatives Black, Kelly of Pennsylvania, and Levin.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

On Monday, September 10, 2018, *Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

MINORITY POPULATIONS IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on race, rights, and politics, focusing on black and minority populations in Europe, from Nero Ughwujabo, Special Adviser to Prime Minister Theresa May; Alfiaz Vaiya, European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup; Simon Woolley, Operation Black Vote; Jeff Klein, Each One Teach One; Ali Khan, Open Society Foundations; Olivio Kocsis-Cake; Clive Lewis; Killion Munyama; and Aminata Toure.

FREE-TRADE ZONES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on free-trade zones from Clay Fuller, American Enterprise Institute, and Pedro Assares Rodrigues, Europol Liaison Bureau, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jack Radisch, OECD High Level Risk Forum, and Stephane Jacobzone, both of Paris, France.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D988)

S. 899, to amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that the requirements that new Federal employees who are veterans with service-connected disabilities are provided leave for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disabilities apply to certain employees of the Veterans Health Administration. Signed on September 7, 2018. (Public Law 115–238)